WELCOME TO THE TINKER WORKSHOP!
WHAT DOES A TINKER GRANT FUND?

• Round-trip airfare to your research site or
• Travel costs for vehicle use (for those who drive to research site—ex., Mexico border region)

• And other documentable travel costs: lodging, meals, or other costs
• Itemized budget is submitted with proposal

No Tinker funds for conferences, workshops or presentations
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Master’s or Pre-dissertation PhD graduate students in any discipline at UA
- Conducting field research in Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking country of Latin America or the Caribbean (Belize, Haiti, & Puerto Rico usually excluded, but will be considered this year with non-Tinker funding)
- 2018 awardees are not eligible for the 2019 round
WHO DECIDES?

A faculty committee representing different disciplines makes the award decisions

Committee chairs will notify applicants of decisions by early April
BEFORE THEY GO, Awardees MUST:

• Take and pass the CITI exam (if Human Subjects requirements apply)

• Submit an application for IRB (Hum. Subjects) and obtain IRB approval

• Submit all required University travel paperwork (to be discussed at the pre-departure meeting)
WHEN THEY COME BACK, Awardees MUST:

• Give a presentation at and participate in the one-day Tinker Symposium in October 2019

• Provide a written report and other materials to LAS upon return including at least two photos of you in the field.
APPLICATION

Application: http://las.arizona.edu/tinker

Deadline: Due Fri., March 15, 2019 by 12 noon via email to:
SBS-las@email.arizona.edu
Your application includes:

✓ Application form
✓ Proposal narrative
✓ Copies of transcripts
✓ Language proficiency
✓ Letter from advisor
Language Proficiency

- Native speaker? Check the box and you’re good to go

- 300-level or higher language instruction in relevant language?—check the box, good to go

- Special training?—ex. Returned Peace Corps—check with Clea or Dr. Wilder—probably okay

- None of the above, call Spanish & Portuguese to ask how to get a language proficiency appointment and bring your form along to get signature

- If you have limited language but plan to improve it, say so (this does not replace language proficiency requirement, however)
Budget

• Make a clear budget request for RT airfare (or mileage) and document it (e.g., Expedia quote), as well as lodging and food.

Other sources of funding

• List all your other actual or potential sources of funding (ex., SBSRI, GPSC, association)

**Note if you have had a Tinker award before, here or elsewhere, and year**
Letter of recommendation

- Should be from your advisor or a committee member (not job supervisor or congressperson)
- Give them materials asap (CV, draft statement, highlights they should mention about you)
- Advisor letter very important part of your package—make it easy for them to say great things about you
PROPOSAL ELEMENTS

4- page NARRATIVE:

Introduction
  Interesting narrative “hook” to engage reader’s interest
  Sufficient background to understand the research problem

Research Question
  Clearly state your research question(s) and sub-questions

Hypotheses (if applicable)

Significance
  Answer “why should we care” question

Broader impacts
• Justification of Study Site
  • Why is this the best place to research your question?
• Brief Literature Review
  • Situate your research within the key theoretical & empirical literature
  • What debates does your research engage with?
  • Demonstrate good grasp of literature and seminal work
• **Methods**
  - Identify and describe your methods
  - Be as specific as possible, space permitting
  - Be sure methods are feasible

• **Timeline**
  - Carrying out methods
  - Feasibility

• **Institutional Affiliation or Support**
Good quick guide to proposal writing:

“The Art of Writing Proposals”—Social Science Research Council (google it!)
TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL:

• Engaging narrative
  • avoid jargon
  • define technical terms

• Scholarly contribution
  • make clear why/how this research is key to your career goals

• Clear significance & impacts

• Limit and delimit your scope of research
  • is it feasible with your contacts? With your timeline?
• **Methods**
  - Have you made clear in concise fashion precisely what you’re going to do?
  - Have you made clear why you need to go to South America/Caribbean/Mexico to do it?
  - Do your methods actually answer your research questions?

• **Access and Contacts**
  - Have you made clear what contacts you have or are currently making?
  - Do you have permissions you need (e.g., archives/archaeology/schools)
  - Have you provided evidence (email printout) of institutional affiliation?
• Ethical considerations
  • Have you shown you’ve thought through the ethical implications of your work?
  • Are you planning to work with vulnerable populations (e.g., children, the ill, pregnant women, elderly populations, prisoners, detainees, victims of abuse or violence)?
  • Does your research potentially expose you or your subjects to any kind of danger?
• Feasibility
  • Can this realistically be done as proposed?

• Multiple objectives
  • If you are combining this project with an internship, and/or language study, make that very clear, esp. in timeline
  • Tinker project alone requires a minimum of 21 days full-time in field research
  • Most projects are 3-6 weeks in the field
IMPORTANT DATES

• **Application and all Materials due:** Friday, March 15\(^{th}\), 2019 by 12pm
  • Submit Application to [SBS-las@email.Arizona.edu](mailto:SBS-las@email.Arizona.edu)

• **Awardees Notified by:** Friday, April 5\(^{th}\), 2019

• **Pre-Departure Financials Orientation (Mandatory):** Friday, April 12\(^{th}\), 2019 at 2:30pm, Marshall 284.

• **Travel must be completed by:** August 20\(^{th}\), 2019

• **Summary Report and Evaluation Form Due:** September 3\(^{rd}\), 2019.

• **Tinker Symposium (Mandatory):** Thursday, October 24\(^{th}\), 2019
Questions: Check FAQ’s first

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Buena suerte/Boa Sorte! Submit by March 15, 2019–12 noon!